SIGHTS ON THE RIVER FRONT

Pen Pictures of an Interesting Side of Life in Omaha.

SQUATTERS WHO LIVE IN BOARD SHACKS

Carcless, Contented People with No. Business Burdens or Ambitions to Worry Them - Women Saw Wood and Carry Water.

The Omaha water front is a queer little world of its own, inhabited by care-free people who live contentedly with no axes to grind, no ambitions to satisfy, and with no particular mission on earth except to cat. drink, sleep, fish, hunt and have an easy time generally.

The water front is the cosmopolitan end of Omnha. It is to this city what the Poplar street Klondike, with its "Scrap Iron Nell, is to St. Louis, down on the big Mississippi. In a way, it compares with the Bowery in New York, for Bowery language prevails.

This little world is in evidence more or Omaha bridge and beyond. These people, as a rule, do not live in house boats, but to have any apprehension of floods or other disaster, and a thousand miles of travel would not reveal a happier lot.

Women Saw the Wood.

Upon the women of this cosmopolitan colony devolves the greater part of the home work, such as sawing wood, carrying water, and so on. The writer, in the course of a stroll along the river front, observed a middie-aged woman sawing driftwood. She had gathered it along the river and carried it into the back yard of her little board shackand the back yard consisted of an almost perpendicular bluff-where she was cutting it down to fit her cooking stove. The saw she used was a rickety old blade, squeaking as bought by the keg and the master of cer- leys with their Springfields, so they had if it had never tasted oil. She puffed and blowed like a steam engine, for the labor of dragging the wood up the hill had shortened her breath. In her mouth was an old clay pipe, such as may be had two for a nickel. She chowed the stem as she puffed away at her work. These people are sociable, and the woman wood-sawyer stopped work long enough to talk about the river and things he general. She "reckoned" the "June rise" would send the water up to her cabin door, but she wasn't going to "bother her head" about it till it happened. She said most all the "neighbors" had a "passel o' mouty bad young'uns," and nearly all of them had more dogs than necessary, she "allowed." She said she had lived in her present abode two years. Prior to that she had lived in a house boat on the Iowa side of the river, When asked if she preferred a shanty to a house boat, she replied that she wouldn't like to live in a house boat because "It has got so that trashy triffin' folks take to the boats." Respectable people can no longer afford these floating domiciles, she declared, and as for her, she expected to always live in a shanty.

Two arm loads of wood were sawed and pitched into the kitchen-not carried in, but pliched-and then the woman was ready for another task. She brought from the house a two-gallon tin bucket. She dewalked out on a big log projecting into the nondescript as to color-in every direction, her lips and took a drink with as much relish, apparently, as though she were drinking Manitou or other high-priced water. She climbed the hill as easily as she had descended, and her household had water for cooking and drinking purposes in quantity sufficient to last until after supper, she said.

Horror of the Courts. When questioned as to her name she re-

plied: "Ax me no questions, an' I'll tell ye no lies; I hain't nuver been in court till yit, an' I don't want to git that now." She apparently has a horror of courts, and the query as to her name created suspicion that she might be wanted as a witness in

pebbles into the stream. They were prob- papyri. Most of these were official and legal ably waiting away from home until after documents, relating to the works carried on, the women had gathered the daily drift accounts of payments to workmen, of food wood and carried the water.

lived amid more elevating environments.

Last summer when the weather was het sleeping. They built scaffolds in their back are now published with autotype reproduc- recovered yet. yards and covered them overhead either with tions, transcripts and partial translations by from the dew. Underneath this covering Usertesen III is written in a fine, hold by some men of Company D, and, scaling the they placed their beds. Some of these hieratic hand upon a papyrus measuring obstructions placed at the end of the bridge in scaffolds yet remain, although the advent of forty-six inches in length and twelve inches by the insurgents, they set up the gun, and door sleeping. A multiplicity of dogs and plete, chickens and children is character-each. istic of the queer territory. Although not all the inhabitants have reached the dignity and importance of "keep- Moses; and also in the wonderful way in as the enemy was reforming, and, seeing the nearly fifteen conturies before the time of D and E, would probably have been cut off, Moses; and also in the wonderful way in as the enemy was reforming, and, seeing the ing chickens." The family so elevated as which it describes, in most figurative lang-

The favorite way for measuring time and computing dates is by reference to the river floods. For instance, the typical denizer would say that John Jenes has fived in Omaha since the "high water backed up into Bill Smith's cabin." It doesn't matter about the year or the mouth in which Bill Smith suffered a surfeit of water, for every-body is supposed to know all about it.

Simple as to Dress.

While there are no Worth gowns or bird-bedecked hats or diamond necklaces worm by the water front women, they are more

In the expansion of the Egyptian empire. Homage to thee our Horus divine of beings. Protecting the land, and widening its boundaries. In the land, and widening its boundaries. The boundaries is boundaries. The tongue of his majesty bindeth Nubla, his utterances put to flight the Bedouin Sole one of youthful vigor, guarding his frontier; suffering not his subjects to faint but causing all the people to repose unto daylight.

As to his trained youth, in their slumbers, his heart (mind) is their protection. His decrees have formed his boundaries; his word maketh strong the two regions.

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Will "break up" a Cold from the first

Twice great is the lord of his city; he is as it were a collection better, letting every man other kicked. After he had done his best Captain McGregor kicked it. The Spaniaria were much surprised and gesteluated and that he special is great to the lord of his city; he is as it were a collection of the spanish officers held a hat, which another kicked. After he had done his best Captain McGregor kicked it. The Spaniaria were much surprised and gesteluated and that he special content is generally believed that his geing to thought he had the special content with the special content with the special content with the special content of them were never to where a blind officer steed and chattered at a great rate. Then one of them went over to where a blind officer steed and chattered at a great rate. Then one of them went over to where a blind officer steed and chattered at a great rate. Then one of them went over to where a blind officer steed and chattered at a great rate. Then one of them went over to where a blind officer steed and chattered at a great rate. Then one of them went over to where a blind officer steed and chattered at a great rate. Then one of them went over to where a blind officer steed and chattered at a great rate. Then one of them went over to where a blind officer steed and chattered at a great rate. Then one of them went over to where a blind officer steed and chattered at a great rate. Then one of them went of them went over to where a blind officer steed and other kicked. After he had done his best Captain McGregor kicked it. The Spaniaria of the spaniaria of the state of them of the point of the spaniaria of the state of the went of them the spaniaria of the spaniaria of

cleanly in their dress than would naturally be supposed. The woman who sawed the wood wore a calico wrapper, somewhat faded, but fairly clean. She were no bonnet. Water front women are not a'raid of the sun and wind and when they are tanned, they don't rush to the druggist for cosmetics. Paint and face powder are unknown along the water front

One old man, who appeared to be the patriarch of the colony, sat on a log reaching out in the water. He had nothing to do and scemingly found great pleasure in looking at the river. He said he had lived on the water for twenty years and that it was the test place he could find. "The breeze is always good down here," he said.

The parallel of these people exists in every metropolitan center. A study of them shows that the water has some strange infatuation. They cannot explain it themselves. They only know that they would rather live there than elsewhere. Many of them would not exchange their shacks for palaces in fashionable residence streets. A few of them, perhaps a very small proportion, own the ground upon which they are located, but the large majority are squat- Francisco Chronicle: ters. Their shanties are built so that they selected building sites that will probably less all the way from several blocks below never be questioned on account of proximity There was one instance, however, that the Union Pacific bridge north to the East to the water. The paint brush has never stands out prominently, and no man of ordiinvaded the territory. The natural bright- nary bravery or physique could have fitted on the Morgan City when three days from ness of the yellow pine is good enough. so well into the emergency. I refer to the their pine-board shantles of one or two In some respects these groups look very gallant feat of Captain Clayton P. Van rooms are so near the water's edge that a much like a Taney county village. Taney Houghten of Company D. First South Daspring freshet would almost send driftwood county is the wildest bailiwick in the Ozark kota United States volunteers, who carthrough their doors. But they don't seem mountain country of Missouri. The people ried a Hotchkies gun across a dismantled there do not believe in house paint and bridge at the battle of Marilao river under their buildings are of about the same di- heavy fire." mensions and general character as the chacks that line the western bank of the Missourl river in Omaha,

North of the East Omaha bridge there are a few houseboats, but they are not "good form" any more and are becoming unpopular. The greater number of houseboats are on the lowa side of the river.

River Front Dances.

these humble homes. A dance-the natives opposite side of the river, and with their call it a "rag"-is the highest form of Mausers opened a severe fire before the amusement. On these occasions beer is South Dakota men could return the volemonies draws it and passes it around. On to advance and take the fire poured in on these occasions the old-fashioned fiddler is them. When they had got pretty close they in his element. He rubs his bow with were ordered to lie down. It seemed rosin and playe "The Arkansaw Traveler," equally perilous whether they advanced or other old-time "rag" mustc. The young swains swing the river front lassies with great galiantry, while the "caller off" yells out: "Swing your partner," "Balance all," dances are finished. As a general rule they line. It was hoped that the Hotehkiss batare free from disorder and the typical river tery of the Nebraska regiment that had been dweller gives the police comparatively little

Among these people a dollar has great purand but little is needed, for tastee are simple and privation is accepted without know-

The observing student of people and things may find much material in an afternoon stroll along the river bank and he will be treated kindly by men, women and children and dogs, unless he asks too many leading

of Chronic Darrhoen After

Thirty Years of Suffering. scended the hill leading down to the river John S. Halloway of French camp. Miss. as nimbly as a mountain-climbing goat, and "I had spent so much time and money and suffered so much that I had given up all water. The wind blew her unkempt hair- hopes of recovery. I was so feeble from the effects of the diarrhoea that I could not do bridge had been dismantled, all the ties but she didn't seem to mind it. After she had filled her bucket she tossed it up to but by accident I was permitted to find a having been removed, but the stringers were bottle of Chamberlain's Colic. Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and after taking several bottles I am entirely cured of that trouble I am so pleased with the result that I am suffer as I have."

OLDEST POEM IN THE WORLD.

Near to the pyramid at Illahun, reports to make a mark on the Filipinos who exthe London Standard, Prof. Petrie found posed themselves. during his explorations in 1880-90 the extensive town occupied by the workmen emplayed by Usertesen II in building his pyra-The some case.

Under a big bluff further down the river a group of men and boys sat idly casting before the records of the town were kept, a group of men and boys sat idly casting before the river and the river were well as the mid and other public works. In the office and provisions received and issued, fiscal The woman who sawed the wood and accounts, census papers, etc., and all the smoked her clay pipe is typical of the river usual accumulation of a government officefront colony. Picture her and you have a dry and uninteresting on the whole, but mantled and carried in sections, and that it fair portrayal of the average dweller there, abounding in details which are of the great-Some of the men are employed as laborers, est value to the historian and archaeologist. but many of them do not work except part. The more attractive fields of general and of the year. There are saloons in the vi- scientific literature were not, however, uncivity and more or less beer is drank over represented, for we have works on medicine, the bar and out of cans, but as a rule these diseases of women, veterinary surgery and people are not vicious. They may occa- mathematics; but the gem of the collection sionally indulge in a fight, but in the aggre- is a royal ede, or hymn of welcome adgate they are as peaceable as though they dressed to Usertesen III, apparently by the walk on. The gun weighs 240 pounds, and people of the Favoum.

the river dwellers solved the problem of and torn fragmen(s have been arranged and physique, strained himself, not being fully After long and patient work, these broken to "keep a cow and chickens" ranks as no- uage, the great work that the king had done in the expansion of the Egyptian empire.

Pwice joyful are the gods: thou hast esta-

Twice joyful are the gods; thou hast estabilished their offerings.

Twice joyful are thy forefathers; thou hast increased their portions.

Twice joyful is Egypt in the strong arm; thou hast protected the ancient regime.

Twice joyful are the people is the policy; the mighty spirit hath taken upon itself their welfare.

Twice joyful are the paid young troops; thou hast made them to prosper.

Twice joyful are thy veterans; thou hast made them to renew their youth.

DAKOTANSON THE FIRING LINE

Instances of Conspicuous Gallantry in the Luzon Campaigns.

CAPTAIN LEADS WITH A BIG GUN

How the Nebraska Hotchkiss Got Over a Bridge-Feats of Strength-Debilitating Effect of a Hard March.

Acts of gallantry by the volunteers in of them escaped the vigilance of correspondents. South Dakota troops rivaled other regiments in that respect, but their deeds did not receive the measure of praise they were entitled to. A few of them, recounted by officers of the regt-

"It is a delicate matter," said Colonel bravery-there were so many of them.

The act referred to by Colonel Frost is familiar to every man in the regiment, and the following account is written from the statements made by Colonel Frost, Chaplain Daley and Assistant Surgeon Thempson:

The South Dakota regiment started from Meyeauyan March 27, one battalion formed in skirimish line, the second held in reserve and the third advancing at right angles to the first toward the river. The Filipinos Sometimes there is revelry of nights in occupied two lines of intrenchments on the 'The Irish Washerwaman," "Rouser" and retreated, and the men of the regiment have the reputation of not knowing how to show their backs.

Nebraska's Battery.

"Retreat was never sounded in the South "First lady pass" and so on. It is fre- | Dakota regiment," proudly said Dr. Thomp quently early in the morning when these son, who, himself, hardly ever left the firing sent around on the left would open fire and distract the attention of the Filipinos, but it was not heard and after a very few minhasing power. But little money is made utes the First battalion was ordered to charge. Lieutenant Sidney E. Morrison of E company was killed here and several others were wounded. Adjutant and First Licutenant Jonas H. Lien, a brother of the mayor of Sloux Falls, fell mortally wounded between the first and second lines of trenches which the Filipinos had abandoned, firing as they retreated. As the second line had by that time crossed the river and, havand thought I was past being cured," says trenched on the north bank of the river. At this functure Colonel Frost took Companies D and E to the bridge on our left to see if they could cross. His purpose was to get a | the report.

in place and the men got acress under heavy

Shouldered the Gun. The mountain Hotchkies gun of the Ne- back. braskans had by this time been brought up to the bridge, and the men who were occupying finally went back across the bridge, accomwhy the gun was not brought up. He was told that it was impossible to take it across the bridge, as it would have to be disto the railing with one hand and edging guaranteed. painfully along the narrow stringer, about four inches wide, which was all he had to

The gun carriage was taken over the boards or canvas. This gave protection Mr. F. Liewellyn Griffith. The poem to bridge by the men in charge of it, assisted in width, and consisted, when com- with the aid of the infantry fire the trenches plete, of six stanzas of ten lines were cleared and the American troops moved g small force opposed to it, seemed debating

> as to the advisability of a charge, Van Houghten refuses to consider his ex-"Any one would have done the same thing under the circumstances," he protests, but he nobody else did it and it was an emergency

"Not only Van Houghten, but others of our fficers surprised the Filipinos and Spanish v by their feats of skill and strength. While at San Felipe we fraternized with some Spanish prisoners who were on parole and Spanish prisoners who were on parole and oped from the schools in its mission were quartered in the lower story of the This is surely a magnificent showing of building which we occupied the uncer story. being the more desirable, having been reserved for ourselves. At night these Spanish officers were accustomed to amuse thembuilding which we occupied, the upper story ish officers were accustomed to amuse themrelives with feats of strength and skill.

They invited us one evening to join with
them and several of the young officers who
had recently left college and were trained to
athletic sports entered the games. The
first thing they tried was a high kick. One
of the Spanish officers held a hat, which an-

won by an American officer and then the Spaniards brought out their strong man He took a cannon ball which he raised from he ground with both hands and potsed at the level of his shoulder. Then with great difficulty he raised it until it was at his arm's length above his head. Van Houten then came forward. Grasping the ball with one hand he raised it without apparent effort and held it out at arms' length hori zentally. This was the cleaning feat, for th Spaniards had played their trump card. They explained once more to the blind man the feat of strength, and how again the Amerteano had excelled, and the blind man, ap parently believing they were trying to make game of him, threw his stick on the ground and chided them for telling him such falsethe Philipines were so numerous that many boods. After that the Spanish officers is

sued no more challenges to us. Sick Men at the Firing Line.

"Referring to Instances of brave men, recall a case that may be called exceptiona for the patriotic zeal of the man resulted in his wearing himself out. Sergeant J. L. ment, are given prominence in the San Rundell of Company L was a good soldier and not even sickness was able to keep him away from the firing line. When he can readily move them if the owner of the Frost, when questioned, "to discriminate was quite ill he was ordered to the rear land interferes and many of them have among the men who showed conspicuous for medical treatment, but he refused to go and by remaining endured exposure and fatigue which was undoubtedly the cause of his death, for he finally succumbed July 20th San Francisco

"Corporal Larrabce of Company M was another man who did duty when he was not physically fit. He was suffering from the effects of fever and although convalescent, he was far from fit for duty. He was ordered back from Calumpit, as he was suffering from tropical ulcers, being covered with them from his neck to his knees. The disease is peculiar to the country and is the result of conditions prevniling there. was not willing to go, insisting that he would do as well at the front as elsewhere, and he wanted to be where there was need for men. At San Fernando I sent him to the rear, but he refused to stay there, and was soon on the firing line ugain.

Captain A. B. Sessions of Company B was one of the youngest among the officers of the First, and one of the most gallant At Calumpit I saw him during the action bandaging wounds on the field as cool as it the bullets had not been sweeping the field. He was always a good man in any place that duty called him. "I do not mention these cases because

they are exceptional. Almost every officer and man in the regiment has done something to render him worthy of special men-

Hardships of the March.

That the actions of Rundell and Larrabe were not exceptional in the South Dakota regiment is testified to by Major Surgeon F. J. Adams, brigade surgeon of the First brigade, who returned on the Zealandia. "The army," he said, "had no tropical experience and did not allow for a large enough sick rate. While campaigning the rate ran up to 30 per cent, reducing the effective force very seriously, and the generals could not understand it. They were inclined to believe that the sick reports were padded and that many of the meawere shamming to escape the arduous labor, , fatigue and danger of duty at the front, Acting under instructions I made an inof trenches was reached Lieutenant F. H. vestigation of the South Dakota regiment Adams was killed instantly and others were at San Fernando during the latter part of also killed or wounded there. The Filipines June just after the hard march from La Loma. The temperature, pulse and respiraing reformed, were making for the main tion of each man in the regiment was taken, "I suffered for thirty years with diarrhoea body of their troops, which was heavily en- and out of 500 men on the line I found only nine that were fit for duty. Four other doctors assisted me in making the examination, and the generals could hardly credit

Concerning Poets.

Here is a Georgia boy's composition or fire. The rest of the regiment had moved thymes at the last end. A poem also has up to the river on the right. Lieutenant feet, but some pooms don't stand steady Huntington, who had left the hospital to on 'em. Poets mostly has long hair, be anxious that it be in reach of all who participate in the attack, was the first offi- cause times is hard, and it's cheaper to let cer to get acress and in a few minutes there | it grow. Poets used to live in garrets, on were forty or fifty men who had waded in a crust of bread-when a baker would credit the water to their armpits and joined his 'em. New they live on the ground floor, Ode to King Usertesen III Turned hausted by their exertions. They did not is after 'em. My father says poetry makes ain't the kind he writes. Poets have a menument when they die, as people want to weight 'em down so's they can't come

Discovered by a Woman.

come to their aid. Captain Van Houghten for seven years she withstood its severes tests, but her vital organs were undermined panied by reveral of his men, and asked and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed increasntly and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr was so much relieved on taking first dose would take two or three men to carry the that she slept all night, and with two gun itself. "Unlimber it and put it on my bottles has been absolutely cured. Her name gun itself. "Unlimber it and put it on my shoulder," said Van Houghten, who saw the urgent need of it to save the day, "and I'll bottles free at Kuhn & Co.'s drug store. carry it over myself." And he did, clinging Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle

RELIGIOUS.

The Free Methodists of England have old-age pensions for their ministers. Each min-ister pays £3 per year to the fund. Van Houghten, who was formerly a blacksmith and a very powerful man of fine The statistics of the China mission con-nected with the Episcopal church show that for the year ending July, 189, there were 109 confirmations, 2801 baptized church mem-brs, 501 communicants. Miss Margaret B. Barnard has been in-stalled as pastor of the Unitarian church in Cheleca, Mass. Roy. Samuel A. Ellot, secretary of the American Unitarian asso-ciation, preached the installation sermon. with the aid of the infantry fire the trenches of six stanzas of ten lines were cleared and the American troops moved lits value lies in its being the oldest poem in the world, and his little band, as well as Companies of the class of 25 are at divinity stands fifteen centuries before the time of D and E. would probably have been cut off.

The wealthlest clergyman in Scotland, at least among such as have made their money by their work in the pulpit and not by writing lachymose stories, is Rev. James H. Nufford Mitchell, who has saved £300,000 of his valury since he catered the Presbyterian church.

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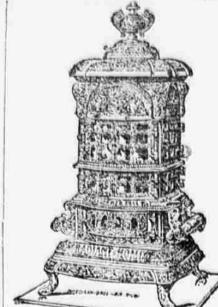
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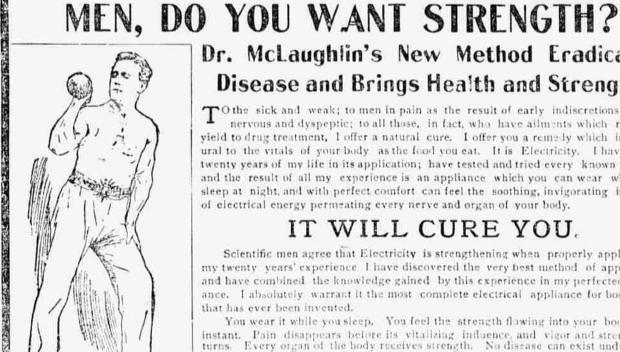
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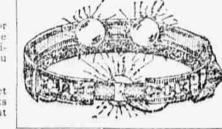
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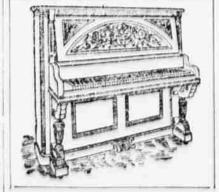
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